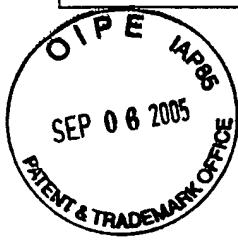


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In response to the Official Action mailed July 7, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsiders the patentability of the claimed invention in view of the following amendments and remarks.